



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following items. Supporting information can be found directly by using the links below or by visiting the public comment page <http://fwp.mt.gov/home/publicComments.html>.

Peregrine Falcon Take Biennial Rule – Proposed

Elements of proposed Peregrine Falcon take include:

- Authorize resident take of 10 nestling or fledged peregrines through a quota system during the 2016-17 biennium;
- Authorize non-resident take of one nestling or fledged peregrine through a 2016-17 permit;
- Restrict take to June 1-Aug. 31;
- Limit take to one peregrine per year per falconer;
- Impose a two-year waiting period for any falconer successful in taking a peregrine;
- Allow only general or master falconers to take peregrines;
- Prohibit take from eastern Montana to encourage expansion of the breeding population;
- Prohibit take from certain nests of high value wildlife viewing opportunity and/or part of on-going agency approved research efforts (8 site total); and
- Prohibit the sale, barter or exchange of birds from the wild.

Hunting Districts with Expanded Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHV) – Proposed

FWP proposes to allow Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle holders to harvest antlerless elk in 44 hunting districts: 17 HDs in Region 2 and 27 in Region 3.

- Region 2 HDs: 201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 240, 261, 262, 283, 291, 292, and 293.
- Region 3 HDs: 300, 301, 302, 311, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 339, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 380, 388, 391, and 392.

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or email fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted: online by using any of the links below; in writing sent to the address above; and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE & FINAL ADOPTION MEETING

- ✓ **2016-17 Peregrine Falcon Take Biennial Rule – Proposed**
<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/publicComments/2016/2016-17peregrineFalconTake.html>
Deadline: Monday, February 22nd at 5 p.m.
Final adoption: March Commission meeting
- ✓ **Hunting Districts with Expanded Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHV) – Proposed**
<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2016/expandedHuntFromVehicle.html>
Deadline: Monday, January 25th at 5 p.m.
Final adoption: February Commission meeting